to shore easily scattering those that guarded the coast, and he no sooner drew towards their new trenches but they fled immediately, leaving as much as the fire had spared to be the reward of our men's pains

Here was taken among others oiie Vincent Fouseen, a Portugal, purser of the carrack, with two others, one an Almam, the other a Low-Dutchman, both cannoneers, who refused to make any voluntary report of those things which were demanded of them till the torture was threatened , the fear whereof at last wrested from them the intelligence that within fifteen days three other greater carracks would arrive at the same island Five carracks had set out from Goa, being specially commanded by the King of Spain not to touch at the island of St Helena, where the Portugal carracks were always wont to refresh themselves, because of the English men-of-war who (as he was informed) lay there in wait to intercept them The last rendezvous for them all was the Island of Floras, where the King assured them not to miss his armada sent thither to waft them to Lisbon

Upon this information Sir John drew to counsel, meeting there Captain Norton, Captain Bownton, Captain Abraham Cock, Captains of three ships of the Earl of Cumberland, Mr. Thompson of Harwich, the Captain of the *Dainty* of Sir John Hawkins, one of Sir Walter Ralegh's fleet, and Mr. Christopher Newport, Captain of the *Golden Dragon,* newly returned from the West Indies, and others These being assembled, he communicated with them what he had learned and what great presumption of truth the relation did carry, wishing that forasmuch as God and good fortune had brought them together in so good a season, they would show the uttermost of their

endeavours to bring these Easterlings under the lee of the English obedience. Hereupon a present accord on all sides followed not to part company or leave of those seas till time should present cause to put their consultations in execution. The next day, the Queen's good ship, the *Foresight,* commanded by Sir Robert Cross, came in to the rest, and he, being likewise informed of the matter, was soon drawn into the service

Thus Sir John with all these ships departing thence six or seven leagues to the west of Flores, they spread themselves abroad from north to south, each ship two leagues at least distant